(c) whether it is a fact that the main beneficiary of the scheme is the middle-man . and not the artisan or craftsman and whether, it is due to the anomalies in the Gold Control Order; and

. (d.) if so, what steps are considered ^ ensure that the artisans or goldsmiths get the benefit out of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) *to* (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Quantity and value Of gold purchased by .the State Bank of India once August 1985, under- the Gold Jewellery Export Promotion and Replenishment ' Scheme ig shown below:

Period	Quantity in KGS	Value (in Rs. crores)
—August 1985 to March 1986	633.727	8.73
April 1986 to March 1987	1268.869	' 19.80
—April 1987 to March 1988 (Provisional) '	1791.315	3914

(b) Exports of gold jewellery under this Scheme since August 1985, are given below;

Period	" Value (Ih Rs .crores)
, ^-August 1985 to March 1986	21.27 -
.April 1986 toMarch 1987 …	37.84
—April 1987 to March 1988 (Provisional)	56.45

These figures also include exports of jewellery containing. less than 10% gold by value.

(c) and (d) It is expected Chat the benefit pf increased exports of gold jewellery under the Scheme would also percolate " down to the .goldsmiths and artisans engaged, in manufacture -of gold-jewellery. There fa-no information or reason to believe that this does not happen.

New Commission for demarcating boandary of Assam with Nagaland, Arunachal *j* Pradesh and Meghalaya

*137. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased *to state:*

(a) whether. Government propose to set up a new Commission for the de marcation :of boundary of . Assam .with Nagaland Arunachal Pradesh and Megh alaya; and

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(b) if so, what are 'tile details in this regard? . .

THE MItoSTES'OinHOMlJ AWA! (SHJRI. 9UTA . SINGH (a) and . {b). No such proposal Is under'consideration-of Government at present.